III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION *RE* PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

> ' *That, with reference to rule 138 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker, to elect nine members to be members of the Committee on Public Accounts for the financial year 1952–53.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That, with reference to rule 138 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker, to elect nine members to be members of the Committee on Public Accounts for the financial year 1952–53.' "

The motion was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" In accordance with the regulations framed by me for conducting elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 8th May, 1952, as the time within which notice of nominations for election to the Public Accounts Committee should reach the Secretary."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, we are, I think, sitting on the 12th. So, the time and date may be fixed as 3 p.m. on the 9th instant."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection. Especially when the time will in effect be extended and not cut short, I don't think there will be any objection to fixing the date as 9th. So I fix 3 p.m., on Friday, the 9th May 1952, as the time within which notice of nominations for election to the Public Accounts Committee should reach the Secretary.

" If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, viz., nine, there will be an election between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, the 10th May 1952."

IV.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House the following Message, dated the 30th April, 1952 from His Excellency the Governor :—

' In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) read with Article 199 (1) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Requisitioned Land

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(Continuance of Powers) Bill, 1952, and in pursuance of clause (3) of Article 207, I also recommend to that Assembly the consideration of the said Bill.' "

The Hon. Minister for Land Revenue may now move his motion.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS REQUISITIONED LAND (CONTINUANCE OF POWERS) BILL, 1952 (INTRODUCED)[a].

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move—

'*That the Madras Requisitioned Land (Continuance of Powers) Bill, 1952, be introduced.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will now read out Rule 76 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules. It states—

'If a motion for leave to introduce . . . .' "

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, is it at all necessary to move a motion like the one moved by the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister has only moved that the Bill be introduced. We are not going to consider it now. The object of his doing so, is to give some time to the hon. Members to consider the Bill. It is not unparliamentary and there is no harm in his moving that motion. Now, I will read Rule 76 which says—

'If a motion for leave to introduce a Bill is opposed, the Speaker, after permitting, if he thinks fit, a brief explanatory statement from the member who moves and from a member who opposes the motion, may, without further debate, put the question thereon.'

I do not think there is any opposition to the motion. So, I am now going to put the motion to the vote of the House. The question is :

'That the Madras Requisitioned Land (Continuance of Powers) Bill, 1952, be introduced.' "

The motion was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" We don't have the afternoon session to-day.

" I wish to point out that there is no proper audibility in the House and we must do something about it. I wish to quote what Sir Herbert Dunnico has said in his new book entitled, 'Mother of Parliaments.' He says—

'Good acoustics are most essential in a debating chamber and this was not one of the outstanding qualities of the old House. This difficulty has been largely overcome not only by placing a microphone between every two members but by making nearly two million tiny holes in the roof well above the echo'.

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